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Good afternoon,

I wanted to share the below article with you from the International Observatory of Human Rights titled "Azerbaijan: A Nation That Bears the Torch, and Burden, of Bringing Religious Freedom to its Less Tolerant Neighbours in the Region." The author, Adelle Nazarian, visited Azerbaijan's 5th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue in Baku. Nazarian noted the insightful meetings and visits which left her "acutely aware of the sensitive nature of Azerbaijan's position as a potential kingmaker for the cause of religious freedom and unity between the three Abrahamic faiths in the region." She expressed hope that religious freedom would also flourish in Azerbaijan's neighbors in the region.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best, Mark

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